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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR ELECTION

1. HELMUT SCHMIDT HAS JUST BEEN REELECTED FRG
CHANCELLOR BY THE BUNDESTAG.
2. SCHMIDT RECEIVED 250 VOTES, ONE MORE THAN THE
REQUIRED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF 249. THERE WERE A TOTAL
OF 243 NAY VOTES. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE ONE AB-
STENTION, ONE INVALID BALLOT, AND ONE SPD DEPUTY ABSENT
BECAUSE OF ILLNESS.
3. THE COALITION CONTROLS 253 VOTES IN THE BUNDESTAG.
SINCE ONE OF ITS MEMBERS WAS ILL, IT IS CLEAR THAT
TWO MEMBERS OF THE COALITION PARTIES DID NOT VOTE FOR
SCHMIDT. IT IS NOT KNOWN, BUT WILL PROBABLY BE
WIDELY ASSUMED, THAT THOSE TWO DEPUTIES ACCOUNTED FOR
THE ABSTENTION AND FOR THE INVALID BALLOT. INEVITABLY,
THERE WILL BE SPECULATION AS TO WHO THEY MIGHT HAVE
BEEN, BUT IT MAY NEVER BE KNOWN SINCE THE VOTE WAS BY
SECRET BALLOT.
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